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SUBJ: GOB REQUEST THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HOLD JOINT
MEETING WITH PRESIDENTS BANZER, MORALES AND PINOCHET

1. AT LUNCHEON AUGUST 26 BETWEEN EMBASSY POL/ECOM COUNSELOR AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR JAVIER ARCE, ARCE RAISED PRESIDENT BANZER VISIT TO WASHINGTON FOR PANAMA CANAL AGREEMENT CEREMONY AND ASKED WHETHER PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE WILLING TO HOST A MEETING BETWEEN BANZER, CHILEAN PRESIDENT PINOCHET, AND PERUVIAN PRESIDENT MORALES TO DISCUSS THE RELATED QUESTIONS OF BOLIVIA'S QUEST FOR A SEA OUTLET AND PEACE IN THE REGION. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ARCE SAID PRESIDENT BANZER HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH HIM AND THAT THIS CONSTITUTED AN OFFICIAL REQUEST. POL/ECOM COUNSELOR REITERATED TO ARCE US POLICY OF SUPPORTING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE SEA OUTLET QUESTION WORKED OUT BY THE PARTIES THEMSELVES, BUT THAT TO DATE THE USG HAD BEEN CAUTIOUS ABOUT A DIRECT INVOLVEMENT, IN PART BECAUSE IT WAS NOT CLEAR THAT SUCH INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE. ARCE SAID THAT PERHAPS PRESIDENT CARTER COULD STATE PUBLICLY THAT US DID NOT INTEND TO PLAY A DIRECT ROLE BUT WAS USING HIS GOOD OFFICES TO ALLOW THE THREE PRESIDENTS TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS. HE
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THOUGHT SUCH AN INITIATIVE BY PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD HELP PRESERVE PEACE IN THE REGION AND WOULD RATHER INCREASE HIS ALREADY CONSIDERABLE PRESTIGE IN LATIN AMERICA.

2. ARCE SAID HE WAS SURE PRESIDENT PINOCHET WOULD AGREE TO SUCH A MEETING AND HE THOUGHT PRESIDENT MORALES WOULD ALSO. HE ADDED THT IF US COULD NOT AGREE TO SUCH A REQUEST, GOB WOULD POSSIBLY

ASK THE OAS TO HOST SUCH A MEETING WHILE THE THREE PRESIDENTS WERE IN WASHINGTON.

3. POL/ECOM COUNSELOR POINTED OUT TO ARCE THAT EMBASSY HAD NO DEFINITE INDICATION THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET INDIVIDUALLY WITH LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS BUT THAT THE GOB'S REQUEST WOULD BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS.
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